

REMARKS

The Examiner objected to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a) as not showing every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Figure 1 has been amended to show a grill 21. Support for this amendment is found in paragraph 25 of the application.

Claims 2, 3 and 13-17 are objected to for depending upon a rejected base claim, but the Examiner indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the features of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 1 has been written in independent form to include the features of claim 2, which the Examiner has indicated was allowable.

Claims 1, 18 and 19 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Cihanek (US5813569). Claim 1 has been amended to include the features of allowable claim 2, overcoming the rejection of claims 1 and 19. Claim 18 has been amended to recite the steps of removing the cartridge from the automated freezer and retaining a portion of the at least one item in the automated freezer when the cartridge is removed. These features are recited in allowable claim 2, overcoming the rejection.

Claims 4, 5 and 7 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cihanek in view of Kaufman (US5335816). Claims 6, 8 and 20 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cihanek in view of Kaufman and further in view of Mishina (US5555965). Claim 9 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cihanek and further in view of Tansley (US2315627). Claims 10-12 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cihanek in view of Covington (US4142863). These claims depend on claim 1 which has been amended to include the features of allowable claim 2, overcoming the rejection.

No additional fees are seen to be required. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 03-0835, in the name of Carrier Corporation \$100.00 for two additional dependent claims in excess of twenty. If any additional fees are due, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 03-0835, in the name of Carrier Corporation, for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment. Therefore, favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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